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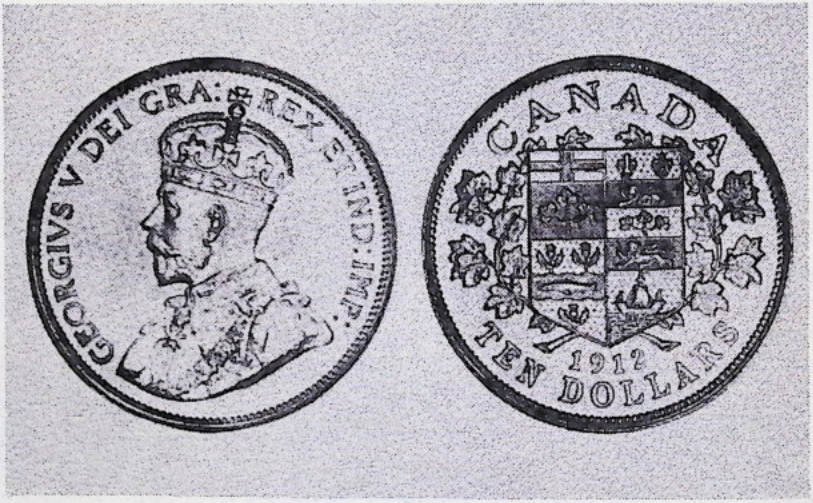


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These are exciting times for numismatics. Changes are coming to our hobby almost too fast to comprehend. the pros and cons of these new developments have triggered many debates the greatest of which is over computer grading. It is sad to see investors triumphing over collectors. A circulated set of Washington quarters or Roosevelt dimes, painstakingly put together over many years is worth little more than bullion today. This situation is bound to discourage the young numismatists. I trust you will all work diligently to encourage the youngsters in every way to collect for pleasure and knowledge. Profit should be secondary.

Summer is upon us, and there will be few coin shows until Fall. In the meantime support your local clubs.

There is still time to send in you nominations for 1991 officers and directors. Also don't forget to send nonminations for the H. Fred Simpson Award for numismatist of the year award and for the Jimmy Jackson Award for junior numismatist of the year.

D. Clark White
President


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# BIRDS ON COINS
# PART III
Halbert Carmichael

Since 1966 the number of bird coins has exploded like a covey of quail, and it will no longer be possible to be comprehensive. What I will try to do is to list the more important and readily available items to indicate the breadth of the series.

Taxonomists divide the animal kingdom up into phyla. The phylum chordata includes all animals with backbones: fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds. Class Aves, the birds, is divided into twenty-senen orders. The following table lists one example from each of the twenty-three orders that are represented on coins.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ostrich | Tanzania | 20 senti | 1966 |
| Rhea | Argentina | 1 centavo | 1986 |
| Casowary | Papua-NG | 20 tola | 1968 |
| Kiwi | New Zealand | 20 pence | 1968 |
| Penguin | Falkland IS | 1 pence | 1974 |
| Loon | Canada | dollar | 1987 |
| Shearwater | Is. of Man | 2 pence | 1976 |
| Gannet | Guernsey | 1 pence. | 1971 |
| Heron | Malawi | 5 tambala | 1971 |
| Goose | Canada | dollar | 1967 |
| Eagle | Botswana | 50 thebe | 1976 |
| Hoatzin | Guyana | 50 cent | 1976 |
| Crane | Korea | 500 won | 1984 |
| Gull | Barbados | 10 cent | 1973 |
| Pigeon | Canada | cent | 1967 |
| Parrot | Seychelles | 20 cent | 1976 |
| Turaco | Botswana | 1 thebe | 1976 |
| Owl | Greece | 2 drachma | 1973 |
| Hummingbird | Jamaica | 25 cent | 1969 |
| Quetzal | Guatemala | 20 cent | 1954 |
| Kingfisher | Br Virgin Is | 10 cent | 1973 |
| Toucan | Belize | $5 | 1974 |
| Thrush | Cayman Is | cent | 1972 |

The last of these, the thrush represents the very largeorder of perching birds. Perching birds appear on relatively few coins because they tend to be small.

In almost every case these coins are part of a complete set of coins made for circulation or were made in several different years. Most of these coins are quite inexpensive, but require some searching to find.

Several countries are noteworthy for producing entire sets of coins all of which have birds on there reverses. In 1974 Belize produced eight denominations and the British Virgin Islands eight denominations all with local birds on their reverses. Indonesia produced a five coin set in 1970 showing a fantailed flycatcher, a black tailed drongo, a crowned pigeon and a greater bird of paradise. All of these designs are realistic and quite attractive.

Belize
10 dollar
roseate spoonbill

Two other countries have release more or less regular series of large, probably non-circulating, coins with very attractive bird designs. Trinidad and Tobago issued one and five dollar coins between 1973 and 1982 that had currasows and ibises. Belize issued a series of series of ten dollar coins between 1974 and 1982 that shows currasows, ibises, spoonbills, parrots, kingfishers, and a laughing falcon. A fifty dollar coin in 1985 had a redfooted booby.

Isle of Man
2 pence
manx shearwater

Poland has issued a series of coins commemorating environmental protection. This series has included a capercaillie, a stork, a swan, and an owl. New Zealand issues a new cupronickel one dollar coin each year. Between 1980 and 1988 these included: the fantail, takahe, black robin, black stilt, kakapo and the yellow eyed penguin. continued on page 4

Two international series should be noted. Between 1974 and 1979, twenty different countries issued three coins each, two silver and one gold. All of these depicted rare or endangered animals. Of the sixty coins, seventeen had birds: the countries with birds are : Nepal, Thailand, Mauritius(2), Venezuela, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sudan, Jordan(2), Afghanistan, Fiji, Seychelles(2), Ethipia, Falkland Islands, and Zambia. The silver coins are not uncommon on the secondary market, but the gold coins have proved to be very elusive.

Mauritius
50 rupees
mauritius kestrel

A new series was begun in 1989 to mark an anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund. This series of smaller coins has not contained many birds but is not yet complete.

Cook Islands
20 cent
fairy tern

All told, I have identified over two hundred different coin designs with birds. There are at least a hundred and sixty different species represented. I have organized this information in a computer data base which I hope to expand as more feathers fly. The data base includes, common and scientific names of the birds, country, denomination and dates of issue. The total listing is far too long to print in this publication, but anyone who his interested in a copy can contact me at Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650. This listling, though extensive, is surely not complete, and I feel that some readers can probably add some examples to the it.

Happy bird watching!

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## CHANGES IN THE WORLD'S COINAGE

Our cover photo is of a rare specimen strike of the 1912 Canadian $10 gold piece that is being offed at auction in September 1990 by Bowers & Morena. The coin has been graded MS-68 by PCGS. There is no mention in the press release of whether or not it has been slabbed. The photo is courtesy of Bowers & Morena.

This Canadian coin makes me reflect on how the momentous political changes of 1989 and 1990 will be reflected in the world's coinage. In the case of Canada, will there be a new coinage forthcoming for an independent Quebec? It will surely have legends only in French. Will the Canadians drop their pretense of a bilingual (really non-lingual) coinage.

The changes in Canada are only possible, but changes in Eastern Europe have already taken place. The circulating coins of the Deutches Demokratishe Republik, East Germany, are already being melted down. Instant rarities? The coinage is now obsolete and a completed set. There is now one less country to collect. Will Quebec take its place?

The political changes in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary will mean at the vary least new types with new inscriptions. No more, people's republics, no matter how you spell it. I would look for major changes in the designs and denominations once their economies have stabilized. All of these countries have traditions of commemorative coinage; we should see some new themes.

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## GREENSBORO AND RALEIGH COIN CLUBS EXCHANGE SPEAKERS

Autence Bason spoke to members and guests of the Raleigh Coin Club at an educational program held on Saturday evening in conjunction with the club show. Mrs. Bason's topic was Communion Tokens in a America. The talk drew several non-members to to meeting and was followed by a lively question and answer period.

The next month Alex Armstrong was invited to address the Greensboro Club at their monthly meeting. His topic was the coins of Spanish America which he illustrated with numerous examples.

Such collaborations should be continues and expanded.

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# BILLS TO LIMIT IRS

Just received is a mailing from the MIchigan State Numismatic Society asking collectors to write their congressman in support of Senate bill 1349 and House bill 5123 which would clarify requirements for reporting bullion transactions to the IRS. Such letters should be sent to your senator at US Senate, Washington DC 20510 or your representative at US House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515.

These bills stem from interpretations of current regulations by some IRS field offices to require a Form 1099-B to be filed for every transaction involving bullion or coins. This interpretations places an intolerable burden on dealers, and current laws are such that for individuals to fight with the IRS is almost impossible. The bills mentioned above would require reporting transactions only if a dealer is a broker, one who does not buy for his own inventory, and then only for transactions over $10,000.

ICTA, the Industry Council for Tangible Assets, has formed a trust fund to help lobby for these bills, and the letter solicits contributions. These can be directed to ICTA, Eighth Floor, 25 E Street NW, Washington DC 20077-0279.

From personal experience I can say that legislators are willing to listen and modify legislation to avoid unintended consequences from laws that have another purpose. An for numismatic items from reporting requirements on precious metal sales was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly about five years ago. The original bill was aimed at limiting the market in stolen silverware. Democracy works, but only if the ctizens work at it.

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Mitchell Sanders of Charlotte is spending the summer working as an intern for the American Numismatic Association. Mitchell is a student at Duke University and won the Jimmy Jackson award from the NCNA in 1986 and has exhibited at NCNA conventions.

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Toby Sullivan of Raleigh won an ANA scholarship to attend the summer seminar in Colorado Springs this summer. Toby won the NCNA's Jimmy Jackson award in 1989. Toby's interest are in ancient, specifically Roman, coins, and he has exhibited at NCNA conventions as well as at local shows.

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We are saddened to announce the death of David Clark White, the father of our president, D. Clark White. The elder Mr. White was 105 when he died in Somerset PA on July 1st. Mr. White was personally acquainted with Ferran Zerbe and is responsible for getting his son interested in Numismatics.

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# RICHARD DOTY TO SPEAK TO RALEIGH COIN CLUB

A more benign part of the federal government will visit North Carolina in September. Richard Doty, Chief Curator of American Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution has accepted an invitation to address the Raleigh Coin Club on Thursday, 13 September. The meeting will be held at the Kiwanis center off Old Wake Forest Road at 7:30 PM. Guests are welcome.

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# COIN SHOW CALENDAR

LOCAL CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR, Box 5625, Raleigh, NC 27650 of your plans as soon as possible to avoid conflicts. Information transmitted in writing is safer, but between issues inquiries and information can be recieved during evening hours at 919-832-4128. or during business hours at 919-828-9450.

**AUGUST 1990**

11-12 Carolina Stamp Expo, Wynham Garden Hotel, Charlotte NC, Richard Canupp

22-26 American Numismatic Association Convention, Seattle WA

31-2 Sep Peach State Coin Show, Waverly Hotel, Atlanta GA, Mike Griffith, Box 76482, Atlanta GA 30358

**SEPTEMBER 1990**

6-9 Virginia Numismatic Associaiton, Convention Center, Richmond VA, Kieth Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale VA 22003

7-9 Knoxville TN, Holiday Inn Northwest, Quality Coin Shows

8-9 Cumberland County Coin Club, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Fayetteville NC, Charles Kimber, 3705 Florida Dr.,Fayetteville NC 27664

13-16 Suburban Washington Coin Show, Festival Hall, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg, 301-424-1876

14-16 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

14-16 Baltimore MD, Suburban Coin Show, Gordon Berg, Box 1876, Rockville MD 29850

15 DeKalb Coin Club, Holiday Inn, 130 Clairmont Ave, Decatur GA, Mrs Donna Ann Spivey, Box 371401, Decatur GA 30037-1401

28-30 Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Chattanooga TN, Ruth Armstrong, Box 80052, Chattanooga TN 37411

**OCTOBER 1990**

6 Stanly County Coin Club, YMCA Pavillion, Albemarle NC, Roger Gibson, Box 514, Albemarle NC 28002

7-8 Piemont Tirad Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Hall, Randleman Rd,Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404

13-14 Carolina Stamp Expo, Wynham Garden Hotel, Charlotte NC, Richard Canupp

19-21 Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association Convention, Virginia Beach Pavillion, Virginia Beach VA, Paul Singleton, Box 894, Annandale VA 22003

26-28 South Carolina Numismatic Association, Hyatt Regency, Greenville SC, Don McAllister, 2207 W. Parker Rd, Greenville SC 29611

**NOVEMBER 1990**

3-4 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Quality Inn, Mission Valley, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

9-11 Upper South Carolina Coin Club, Nat'l Gaurd Armory, Ezell Blvd, Spartenburg SC, Jake Howard, Box 1292, Greer SC 29652

23-25 **North Carolina Numismatic Association Convention**, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Don Sharpe

**DECEMBER 1990**

1-2 Cape Fear Coin Club, Days Inn, 301 Bragg Blvd, Fayetteville NC, John D. Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC

1-2 Carolina Stamp Expo, Wynham Garden Hotel, Charlotte NC, 15- Richard Canupp

15-16 Salisbury/Rowan County Coin Club, Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury NC, M. D. McCullough, Box 87, Cleveland NC 27013

**JANUARY 1991**

3-6 FUN convention, Orlando FL

19-20 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Quality Inn Mission Valley, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick

25-27 Peach State Coin Show, Atlanta GA, Mike Griffith

**FEBRUARY 1991**

16-18 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart,Charlotte NC, Will Jordan, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233

**MARCH 1991**

1-3 ANA Early Spring Convention, San Diego CA

**MAY 1991**

18-19 Raleigh Coin Club, Quality Inn, Mission Valley,RaleighNC, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

**AUGUST 1990**

13-18 ANA Convention, Chicago IL

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**OCTOBER 1991**

11-13 North Carolina Numismatic Association, Asheville NC

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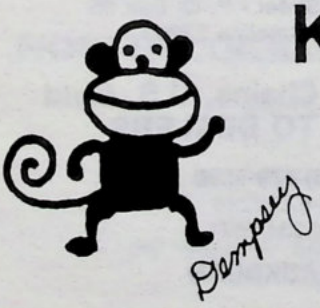


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